(c) With a view to improving the marking system and to facilitate competitive marketing, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation had circultated a Model Law on agricultural marketing to State Government and Union Territory Administrations. As a consequence, some State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have amended Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act, Besides, several State Governments have initiated the process of amendment of APMC Act on the lines suggested in the Model Law.

Foodgrain Godowns

1833. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the foodgrain godowns of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation of India in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether these are sufficient for holding intended stock of foodgrains;

(c) whether Government have plans to construct more godowns in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As on 30th June, 2006, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has a total of 761 owned godowns (covered and CAP) all over the coutnry. The State-wise details are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has a total of 360 godowns all over the country. The State-wise details are given in the statement at Statement-II (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. The FCI is having vacant capacity of 111.58 lac MTs as on 1.7.2006 which is sufficient to hold the stocks for the ensuing Kharif procurement season.

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the current utilization of storage capacity, it has been decided that the FCI will take up construction of new godowns only in the North-Eastern States including Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir from 2005-06 onwards.

The details of the godowns to be constructed by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the year (2006-07) are as under:—

Name of Centre/State	Capacity (in tonnes)
Bualpui (Mizoram)	5000
Chandrapur (Tripura)	5000
Senchowa (Assam)	1670
Badarpurghat (Assam)	5000
Chaulkhowa (Assam)	4170
TOTAL:	20840

The details of the godowns to be constructed by the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) during the year (2006-07) are given in the Statement-III. (*See* below).

It has also been decided that financial assistance in the form of Grant in Aid also will be given to Central Warehousing Corproation/State Warehousing Corporations/State Governments for construction of storage godowns in Jammu & Kashmir and States of North Eastern Region including Sikkim.

Statement-I

Number of storage godowns of FCI in the country

As on 30th June, 2006

Sl.No.	State	No. of Storage Godowns of FCI (Covered & CAP)	
		Covered	CAP
1.	Bihar	14	00
2.	Jharkhand	06	00
3.	Orissa	23	00
4.	West Bengal	26	00
5.	Sikkim	01	00
6.	Assam	17	00

Sl.No.	State	No. of Storage Godowns of FCI (Covered & CAP)	
		Covered	CAP
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	04	00
8.	Meghalaya	03	00
9.	Mizoram	04	00
10.	Tripura	03	00
11.	Manipur	03	00
12.	Nagaland	04	00
13.	Delhi	06	04
14.	Haryana	36	25
15.	Himachal Pradesh	05	00
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	12	00
17.	Punjab	111	93
18.	Chandigarh	04	04
19.	Rajasthan	35	15
20.	Uttar Pradesh	52	28
21.	Uttranchal	05	02
22.	Andhra Pradesh	36	05
23.	Kerala	23	06
24.	Karnataka	21	09
25.	Tamil Nadu	13	05
26.	Pondicherry	03	01
27.	Gujarat	15	06
28.	Maharashtra	17	05
29.	Goa	01	00
30.	Madhya Pradesh	23	06
31.	Chhattisgarh	18	03
	TOTAL:	544	217

Statement-II

Number of Storage Godowns of CWC in the Country

As on 30th June, 2006

Sl.No.	State	No. of Storage Godowns
1.	Gujarat	17
2.	Karnataka	22
3.	Madhya Pradesh	29
4.	Chhattisgarh	10
5.	Orissa	10
6.	West Bengal	30
7.	Punjab	27
8.	Tamil Nadu	13
9.	Pondichery	01
10.	Delhi	03
11.	Uttar Pradesh	35
12.	Assam	06
13.	Nagaland	01
14.	Tripura	02
15.	Andhra Pradesh	46
16.	Rajasthan	18
17.	Uttranchal	07
18.	Maharashtra	25
19.	Haryana	29
20.	Himachal Pradesh	03
21.	Bihar	15
22.	Jharkhand	03
23.	Kerala	08
	TOTAL:	360

Statement-III

Centres identified for construction of storage godowns by Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) during 2006-07

Sl.No.	Name of the Centre	State	Capacity (In Mts)
1.	Deoli	Rajasthan	5000
2.	Baran	Rajasthan	2500
3.	Jhunjhunu	Rajasthan	5000
4.	RWC; Shakurbasti	Delhi	19900
5.	RWC, Roza	Uttar Pradesh	18400
6.	RWC, Alamnagar	Uttar Pradesh	17000
7.	RWC, Ghaziabad	Uttar Pradesh	12500
8.	RWC, Sanathnagar	Andhra Pradesh	13200
9.	EPIP, Whitefield, Bangalore	Karnataka	5120 sq. mtr. Covered (9200 MT) & 16256 sq. mtr. OCY (29260 MT Open)
10.	Mundra	Gujarat	66580 MT Covered and 39980 sq. mtr. OCY (71700 MT Open)
11.	RWC, Kandla	Gujarat	18000
12.	RWC, Itarsi	Madhya Pradesh	18000
13.	Sitapura	Rajasthan	25000
14.	Gondia (convertible plinth)	Maharahstra	10000

Sl.No.	Name of the Centre	State	Capacity (In Mts)
15.	Hosur	Tamil Nadu	16000
16.	CFS Mundhra MSEZ	Gujarat	68850 MT covered & 72000 sq. mtr. open (129600 MT)
17.	Bikaner	Rajasthan	5000
18.	RWC, Pune	Maharahstra	18000
19.	RWC, Koodalnagar	Tamil Nadu	12000
	GRAND TOTAL:		590690

Purchase of PDS items at Market rates

1834. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any policy for buying its shortfall in foodgrains for PDS at market rates; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A proposal to purchase foodgrains at a rate higher than the MSP has been formulated in the Department of Food and Public Distribution, to ensure that the required quantity of foodgrains are procured to meet the commitments under the TPDS and other foodgrains based Welfare Schemes.